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SUBJECT: GOM CONSULTATION ON BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER OFFICIAL LETTER (20-IV-C-1188),
DATED JAN. 15, 1976, FROM LIC. GABRIEL ZORRILLA MARTINEZ,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE. INFORMAL TRANSLATION SPANISH TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING TEXT: AS YOU ARE AWARE, ON DEC. 23, 1975, AND JAN. 14, 1976
THIS SECRETARIAT PRESENTED TO USG AUTHORITIES, THROUGH THE
GOOD OFFICES OF THE EMBASSY, VARIOUS REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATION
IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE EXPORT QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES
OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS WITHIN THE TERMS SET BY THE BILATERAL
AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES.

AMONG THE ITEMS CONTAINED THEREIN APPEAR CATEGORY 200 AND
CATEGORY 201, COMPRISING SIMPLE MULTI-FILAMENTS OF MAN-MADE
AND SYNTHETIC FIBERS, FOR WHICH INCREASES OF 11,700,000 AND
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7,650,000 SQUARE YARDS IN THE CONSULTATION LEVEL WERE REQUESTED

RESPECTIVELY.

THIS REQUESTS WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE URGENT NEED OF MEXICAN FACTORIES TO CONTINUE NORMAL EXPORTS. THE DANGER EXISTED THAT ONCE THE CORRESPONDING LEVELS HAD BEEN REACHED THE USG WOULD IMPOSE EMBARGO MEASURES.

FOR THIS REASON AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE IS AS YET NO RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTS OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, ALLOW ME TO REQUEST THAT YOU TRANSMIT TO THE AUTHORITIES OF OUR COUNTRY THE FOLLOWING: THE FACT A REQUEST FOR ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN EXPORTS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PRODUCTS DOES NOT MEAN THAT MEXICO IS PLEASED WITH THE POSITION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH CLASSIFIED THESE PRODUCTS AS YARN CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE AGREEMENT QUOTAS. IN EFFECT, AS WE HAVE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON VARIOUS OCCASION DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE SAID AGREEMENT, THE SIMPLE FILAMENTS OR MULTI-FILAMENTS OF MAN-MADE AND SYNTHETIC FIBERS ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE MFA NEGOTIATED UNDER GATT AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED AS A RESULT OF ACCESS LEVELS ESTABLISHED UNDER ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CRITERION OF US CUSTOMS OF CLASSIFYING AS MAN-MADE AND SYNTHETIC YARN ALL THOSE PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE MORE THAN 2/10THS TWIST PER INCH FORCES THEM TO CLASSIFY SUCH TECHNICALLY SIMPLE FILAMENTS AS RESTRICTED ARTICLES FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO MEET IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USG IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM, THEREFORE, WE ASK THAT YOU RELAY THIS REQUEST IN THE TERMS EXPRESSED ABOVE (CUSTOMARY CLOSING).

END TEXT

MEXICAN GROUP WHICH WILL DISCUSS ABOVE MATTER WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ON JAN. 23 DEPARTED MORNING JAN, 22.
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GROUP CONSISTS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDUSTRY
GABRIEL ZORRILLA MARTINEZ,
DIRECTOR TEXTILE DIVISION (SC) ARTURO GALINDO MEXICAN FOREIGN
TRADE INSTITUTE (MCE) MIGUEL LOZADA SANCHEZ
GOM OFFICIALS ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR OR FIVE PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISOR
INCLUDING CHEMICAL ENGINEER, EXPERT ON SYNTHETIC FIBERS,
AND REP OF INDUSTRIES FOLICI), MAJOR EXPORTER UNDER CATEGORY
200.

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, SIC TEXTILE DIVISION OFFICERS ADMITTED
CONUSION OVER PROPER CLASSIFICATION SIMPLE MULTIFILAMENTS
AND WHETHER THOSE BEING EXPORTED BY MEXICO SHOULD BE COUNTED
AGAINST QUOTA. USG DELEGATION COULD PROFITABLY USE JAN. 23
MEETING TO CLARIFY FOR GOM OFFICIALS CLASSIFICATION INTIRCACIES
IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AND OVERSHIPMENTS IN THE FUTURE.
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